

Dade Heritage Trust
Board Meeting - April 10, 1975

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Committee Reports
 - 5x A. Survey
 - B. Tour Book
 - C. Key West Trip
 - D. Other
5. Announcements
 - A. Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting
 - B. National Trust Annual Meeting
6. Election of Officers
 - A. President
 - B. First Vice President
 - C. Second Vice President
 - D. Secretary
 - E. Treasurer
 - F. Two Trustees for Executive Committee
7. Old Business
 - A. Merrick Manor Week - group to go to luncheon
\$10 ad in program
 - B. Building Code Report
 - C. National Preservation Week - membership coffee
set date and place
 - D. Newsletter Editor
8. New Business
 - A. Tax Legislation
 - B. Dues for HASF
9. Next Board meeting on May 8 - suggest reschedule to 7th because of
Florida Historical Society meeting - set place for meeting
Next General Meeting - May 20th - show film on railroad stations
10. Adjournemnt

Pres. Dolly Mc Intyre called meeting to order at 8:20 P.M.

Minutes of previous board meeting read and approved.

Dot Young reported balance of \$1825.01 in treasury.

Dolly announced Coral Gables Preservation Board Chairman Arva Parks had presented resolution 15-A re preservation of the merchant's district to C. Gables Commission, and said a Board member of DHT should make an appearance to support the Board with this resolution. Dr. Jude on the Gables planning Board could be expected to help us.

Ludo Blanc asked if Coral Gables buildings were included in our survey and Dolly told him that they are and the C. Gables Historic Preservation Board had taken over that part of the survey for us.

Sally Jude announced she had received \$1465.40 in receipts for the Key West tour, she had a list of about 30 participants and the bus was limited to carrying 36 passengers. Eddie Rawls asked if those driving to Key West on their own could join the tour, it was agreed to let them for a fair price. Sally said drinks served on the bus cost extra, not included in tour.

Dot Young expressed thanks for the excellent brochure produced for the Key West Tour.

John Gibson announced he had met with Commissioner Harry Cain to discuss the Bldg. Code and Commissioner Cain said the Board of Rules and Appeals was to meet soon and he would try to find out something then. John found out that the A.I.A. tried to get action on this last year and I. to try again to get fair treatment for histroc buildings regarding the building code.

Dolly McIntyre said she had asked the National Trust for transcripts of the building code workshop they had nearly a year ago and is still waiting to hear from them.

Dolly announced she would attend the Florida Historical Society workshop held May 8-9-10 in Gainesville and urged others to go if they could.

Dolly announced the National Trust Annual Meeting to be held in October in Boston and suggested we try to get a DHT group to attend.

Dolly introduced our 3 new Trustees, Beth Gardiner, Margaret Strassler and Ed Rawls and they were welcomed by the Board.

Dolly then opened the floor for nominations for new officers. Those duly elected are:

Pres. John Gibson
1st V.P. Sam Boldrick
2nd V.P. Sally Jude

Treasurer Ludo Blanc
Secretary Mary Dorsey

Alternate Trustees to attend Executive Board Meetings are:
Beth Gardiner
Ed Rawls

Newsletter Editor Pat Morton is leaving Miami and a new Editor is needed. The post is still vacant.

Dolly announced the Merrick Manor luncheon to be held Tuesday April 29th at the Biltmore Country Club ballroom in Coral Gables. Tickets \$10 including lunch, fashion show, entertainment, chances at door prize. The Cheer Bar cost extra. She urged we support this fund raising effort and other Merrick Manor sponsored activities outlined in the Merrick Manor Foundation souvenir program for Coral Gables 50th Anniversary. She mentioned DHT had made a donation of \$10 for a one line listing in the program.

Dolly proposed that for National Preservation Week instead of an honorary dinner at the Commodore Rowing and Sailing Club we have a membership coffee to be held on a weekday for mostly ladies. A motion was passed to have the membership coffee Thursday May 15 from 10 A.M. to 12 noon at Sally Jude's home. Sally is chairman with co-chairmen Beth Gardiner and Kathy Ramsey. Board members will donate refreshments and invite people to attend. Invitations would be mailed. Our program "A Search For Our Heritage" would be presented and efforts would be made to encourage people to join DHT. John Gibson offered to get a fine baritone Don Bennett to perform for us at the coffee. The Board liked this idea but agreed it was more appropriate to have the singer come to a future fund raising event.

Again it was stressed that a Newsletter Editor is badly needed but no one was appointed.

Dolly said she had written to the National Trust for information on tax laws and had a file on this from data from various states, someone was needed to be in charge of investigating tax laws. Sally Jude mentioned the Key West historic organizations would help DHT with this project.

Motion was passed to renew our \$15 membership in the HASF.

Don Gruber was appointed chairman of the tax-law information project. Don advised that we would have to start with a city tax change, then progress to the County and then to the State we could not start with the State. He cited Merrick Manor as a poor example of efforts to get tax compensation. Don pointed out what is needed is:

1. ad valorem tax relief for historic property
2. tax compensation for restoration expenses
3. exemption from county taxes for historic properties

Mary Dorsey suggested DHT try to get some T.V. exposure by offering guided tours of historic sites on the Channell 2 fund-raising auction in 1976. Meanwhile try getting Channell 2 to air our historic site survey, also see if we could interest Channell 4 Great Adventure into filming the search for Miami's history. A motion was passed to look into this idea. Mary said she would try to get Evelyn Hill and Russ Dorsey to help with this project.

Sam

Dolly reminded us of DHT general meeting May 20 at HASF at 8 P.M. with fine film "Stations" lasting 63 minutes about restored railroad depots.

Sam Boldrick mentioned the difficulties in locating F.E.C. railroad people for oral interviews, Mary told him about widow of Krome, Flagler construction foreman who lives in Homestead.

Sam Boldrick and Mary Dorsey told about their trip to Opa-Locka to see the historic sites to be included in the DHT guidebook. C. of Commerce helped them and provided map, making it an easy tour. They will use this as a modus operandi in surveying other municipalities. Urged others to participate. Motion passed to hold next Board meeting May 14 at 8 P.M. at Sally Jude's. Meeting adjourned at 10 to 10 P.M.